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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Task Force Report

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The Task Force which you directed be established on 5 February has been organized, has had several meetings and has developed various materials relating to the recent press and congressional attacks on the Agency. The membership of this Task Force consists of Messrs. Chretien, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Independently and collectively, the Task Force has accomplished the following:

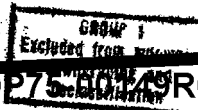
(a) A detailed analysis of Representative Lindsay's statement on the floor of the House attacking the Agency has been submitted to you by the Legislative Counsel.

(b) A preliminary analysis of Lindsay's forthcoming article in the March issue of ESQUIRE has been submitted to you by Mr. Chretien.

(c) The Legislative Counsel provided material to Senator Dodd which was used in the preparation of his speech on the floor of the Senate on 17 February. The draft speech was subsequently submitted to the Agency and cleared, with certain changes, at a meeting of the Task Force with you.

(d) The Legislative Counsel has given Senator Stuart Symington a list of the specific points raised by Senator McCarthy in his SATURDAY EVENING POST article and comments thereon which could be used by the Senator in private conversations with Senator McCarthy. This paper was cleared by the Task Force and approved by you.

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(e) The CI Staff has prepared a dossier of materials for each member of the Task Force including columns by Allen-Scott, Richard Starnes and Henry Taylor and others as a preliminary step in analyzing the similarities and differences in the press and congressional attacks.

3. In keeping with its understanding of its charter, the Task Force will prepare a theme analysis of these attacks on the Agency in an effort to ascertain the source or sources from which these attacks emanate. The CI Staff in collaboration with the Task Force is continuing its study of the Soviet dis-information program which was identified and documented by Mr. Helms in his testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1961 under the title COMMUNIST FORGERIES.

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